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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON OCTOBER 31, 2006 BEGINS ON PAGE 58.]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. THANK YOU.

7 THIS IS THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR OCTOBER

8 31ST, 2006. TRICK-OR-TREAT, HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND ALL THAT

9 STUFF. I'D ASK FOR THE AUDIENCE TO PLEASE RISE FOR THE

10 INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL

11 BE LED BY FATHER JOHN LAM FROM THE ST. BRIDGET CHINESE

12 CATHOLIC CENTER OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY

13 RON HANSEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EAST LOS

14 ANGELES VETERANS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF SAN

15 GABRIEL. FATHER LAM?

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17 **FATHER JOHN LAM:** LET US PAUSE FOR A MOMENT AND PRAISE

18 OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. LET US THANK HIM FOR THE

19 MANY GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN US AND THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. LET

20 US PRAISE HIM IN BOTH GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD TIMES. NOW LET US

21 ASK GOD TO BLESS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF

22 LOS ANGELES, THAT THEY MAY SERVE OUR PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES

23 FAITHFULLY AND WORK TO ESTABLISH THE REIGN OF JUSTICE AND

24 PEACE IN THEIR CITY. THAT THEY MAY SERVE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE

25 POOR AND THE SICK IN OUR MIDST. THAT, THROUGH THEIR ACTIVE



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1 CARE AND CONCERN OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, MAY THE HOMELESS IN
2 OUR MIDST BE FED AND HOUSED. THAT, THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS, MAY
3 THE RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY BE SAFEGUARDED. THAT GOD MAY OPEN
4 THEIR EYES TO THE HUNGRY AND THE POOR AND STIR THEM UP TO WORK
5 FOR THE COMMON WELFARE OF ALL IN THE CITY. THAT GOD MAY
6 ENLIGHTEN THEIR MINDS TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, GOOD AND JUST
7 DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
8 CONCLUDE WITH MY FAVORITE PRAYER. I THINK THIS PRAYER IS GOOD
9 NOT ONLY FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS BUT ALSO FOR CIVIL LEADERS.
10 LORD, GIVE US SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE,
11 THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS WE CAN AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW
12 THE DIFFERENCE. MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BESTOW HIS FULLEST GRACE UPON
13 YOU ALL. GOD BLESS YOU. AMEN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **RON HANSEL:** ALL GENTLEMEN PLEASE REMOVE YOUR COVERS, HAND OVER
16 HEART. BEGIN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
17]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT--
22 THANK YOU, PLEASE COME JOIN ME-- A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
23 TO FATHER JOHN LAM. FATHER JOHN LAM RECENTLY JOINED ST.
24 BRIDGET'S CHINESE CHURCH IN THE DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN AREA,
25 CURRENTLY SERVING AS ITS PASTOR. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A



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1 TEACHER AT THE SILESIAN SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG. IN 1990, HE WAS
2 APPOINTED AS THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR ST. PETER AND PAUL
3 CHURCH IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE JOINING HIS CURRENT PARISH.
4 FATHER LAM WAS BORN IN CANTON, CHINA, AND IMMIGRATED WITH HIS
5 FAMILY TO HONG KONG IN 1949. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE IN
6 EDUCATION FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN MONTREAL, CANADA, AND
7 HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY FROM THE UNIVERSITY
8 OF SAN FRANCISCO. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO FATHER
9 LAM FOR OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING.

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11 **FATHER JOHN LAM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO
14 PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO RAN HANSEL, WHO LED US IN THE
15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. RON IS REPRESENTING THE SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY EAST LOS ANGELES VETERANS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE,
17 OF WHICH HE'S THE CHAIRMAN. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
18 NAVY AS A SEAMAN FROM 1972 THROUGH 1974 ON THE U.S.S. PONSE
19 AND HE IS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS.
20 OKAY. I'M EXPANDING MY VOCABULARY THIS MORNING. HE'S MARRIED
21 WITH TWO CHILDREN. HE'S LIVED IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S 5TH
22 DISTRICT FOR 15 YEARS, HAILS FROM STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL IN
23 LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND BRADA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN
24 LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE
25 AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, RON, THANK YOU.



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2 **RON HANSEL:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH IS NOT HERE THIS
5 MORNING, SO I PRESENTED THAT ON HIS BEHALF AND WE WILL NOW GO
6 TO THE AGENDA.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF
9 THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR
10 THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H WAS ADDED BY
11 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE HAVE 1-H BEFORE US. MS. MOLINA MOVES,
14 MR. KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON
17 ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
18 THREE WEEKS UNTIL NOVEMBER 21ST, 2006. THE REST ARE BEFORE
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ITEM 6 WILL BE CONTINUED AS REQUESTED
22 FOR THREE WEEKS. THE REST, MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS.
23 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFER, ITEMS 8 THROUGH
2 11. ON ITEM 8, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF
3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
4 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ARTS COMMISSION...

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. WE HAVE ITEMS 9 THROUGH 11. MOLINA
11 MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 12.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, ITEM 13.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 14.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORONER, ITEMS 15 AND 16. AND, ON ITEM 16,
2 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORONER REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 16 WILL BE CONTINUED 'TIL
6 NOVEMBER 8TH. ITEM 15, MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS
7 VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 17.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 18 AND 19.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 20 AND,
18 ITEM 20, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND, I'M SORRY, ON
19 ITEM 22, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
20 BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 22 WILL BE CONTINUED 'TIL
23 NOVEMBER 28. ITEM 21, KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS
24 VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 25 AND 26.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT PROBATION? 23.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OH, I APOLOGIZE. PROBATION, ITEMS 23 AND
6 24.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 25 AND 26.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 50. AND, ON
15 ITEM 27, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE REMAINDER, KNABE MOVES, MOLINA
19 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, SHERIFF, ITEMS 51 AND 52.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 53
2 THROUGH 62.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 63, THIS ITEM
7 SHOULD REFLECT THE CHANGES INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE MOVES, MS. MOLINA
11 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND I APOLOGIZE, WE'RE ALSO-- WE'RE HOLDING
14 THIS FOR A REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, OKAY. NEVER MIND. WE'LL RECONSIDER THAT
17 VOTE AND WE'LL HOLD IT FOR A REPORT.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 64, WE'LL
20 HOLD THIS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
21 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR A
25 PRESENTATION FIRST.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S ON HIS WAY. THIS MORNING, WE'RE VERY PLEASED

3 TO RECOGNIZE SYED RUSHDY, WHO IS RETIRING FROM COUNTY SERVICE.

4 WHERE IS HE? OH, HE'S ON THAT SIDE. OKAY. CARLOS, COME UP AND

5 JOIN US. FOR 16 YEARS, SYED HAS SERVED AS THE MANAGER OF THE

6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND

7 PRESERVATION DIVISION. BUILDING AND PRESERVING AFFORDABLE

8 HOUSING FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF OUR

9 HIGHEST PRIORITIES AND SYED HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH MY STAFF

10 AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OUT THERE AND HE HAS DONE AN

11 UNBELIEVABLE JOB OUT THERE. WITH HIS LEADERSHIP AND THOUGHTFUL

12 EXPERTISE, WE'VE CONSTRUCTED OVER 2,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

13 UNITS IN JUST THE FIRST DISTRICT ALONE. HE GUIDED US AS WE

14 ASSISTED OVER 6,000 FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS AND ISSUED OVER 1

15 BILLION IN BONDS AND HIS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONAL

16 EXPERTISE WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED. SYED IS A MAN OF INTEGRITY

17 AND CONVICTION WHO BELIEVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. OVER THE

18 YEARS, SYED HAS BECOME THE COUNTY'S GO-TO GUY FOR AFFORDABLE

19 HOUSING AND HIS EFFORTS HAVE REALLY TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY

20 THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY. HE'S A PROBLEM SOLVER AND WE CAN

21 ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM, NO MATTER HOW CHALLENGING THOSE OBSTACLES

22 ARE AND, BELIEVE ME, IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THERE ARE MANY.

23 BUT HE HAS CERTAINLY EARNED THE RESPECT OF HIS PEERS AND HIS

24 COLLEAGUES AS HE CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT HIS WORK EVERY SINGLE

25 DAY. SO, SYED, WE ARE TRULY GOING TO MISS YOU BUT HOPEFULLY WE



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1 CAN CALL ON YOU FROM TIME TO TIME, IF POSSIBLE, BECAUSE HE
2 DOES POSSESS SPECIAL EXPERTISE AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE
3 KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT NOT ONLY YOU PROVIDED FOR MY STAFF AND
4 THE PEOPLE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, BUT IN ALL OF HIS YEARS OF
5 COUNTY SERVICE. AND SO, WITH REGRET BUT I'M SURE YOU ARE
6 PLEASED, WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATED YEARS OF PUBLIC
7 SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. CONGRATULATIONS. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. SYED, WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS PROJECTS IN OUR
11 DISTRICT AND JUST ABSOLUTE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH AND WE
12 APPRECIATE ALL HE'S DONE ON BEHALF OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT
13 RESIDENTS. PARDON ME?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE).

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW. YOU'RE A CONSTITUENT, TOO, SO YOU'RE A
18 GREAT AMERICAN. [LAUGHTER] BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE JUST
19 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE AREA OF
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSE THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOUR
21 EFFORTS AND YOUR STAFF'S EFFORTS. SO THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL
22 DONE. WE'LL MISS YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
25 ALL THE ACTIVE WORK IN OUR DISTRICT AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO



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1 ACHIEVE SO MANY THINGS BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH GREAT STAFF THERE
2 FROM CDC THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REALLY
3 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME INTRODUCE HIS BOSS, CARLOS JACKSON, TO
6 SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US.

7

8 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
9 NO ONE, REALLY, IS SYED'S BOSS. SYED IS A PERSON OF A LOT OF
10 CREATIVITY AND, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED WITH SYED, YOU KNOW
11 WHAT CREATIVITY MEANS: NO RULES, NO POLICIES BUT JUST DO IT.
12 SYED HAS BEEN A PARTNER OF MINE FOR AT LEAST 16 YEARS, HAS
13 BEEN REALLY A VERY TRUE PERSON COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HE HAS REALLY DEVELOPED THE CITY OF
15 INDUSTRY FUND FROM SOMETHING THAT WAS CHALLENGED TO SOMETHING
16 THAT IS REALLY AN INGREDIENT OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AROUND
17 HOUSING AND MANY OF US WILL MISS HIM. I THINK ONE OF THE MOST
18 IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS ABOUT SYED IS THAT HE CARES ABOUT HIS
19 STAFF AND HIS STAFF REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT HE'S DONE OVER THE
20 YEARS, SO WE'LL MISS YOU, SYED.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME INTRODUCE THE MAN OF THE HOUR, SYED
23 RUSHDY.

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1 **SYED RUSHDY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO
2 WORK WITH THE COUNTY ALL THIS TIME. YOU KNOW THE THREE
3 INGREDIENTS IN LIFE THAT ALL YOU, ALL THE SUPERVISORS WORK ON:
4 FEED PEOPLE, GIVE THEM SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
5 THINGS LIKE THAT AND THE HELP, OBVIOUSLY, DEALING WITH THOSE.
6 IT'S A TOUGH JOB, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT EASY. I KNOW A LOT OF
7 CITIES AND COUNTIES AROUND THE COUNTRY TALK ABOUT THE PROJECTS
8 OF, YOU KNOW, BIG DEVELOPMENTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT YOU
9 PEOPLE WORK WITH THE REAL BASIC NEEDS AND THAT IS A TOUGH,
10 TOUGH JOB. I WILL MISS ALL. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M GRATEFUL FOR
11 THE OPPORTUNITY ALL THIS TIME AND THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU
12 AND ALSO THE HOMELESS MONEY THAT YOU GOT PUT TOGETHER, YOU
13 KNOW, THAT'S VERY NEEDED. HOPEFULLY, IT'S A FIRST STEP, YOU
14 KNOW? DON'T GO AWAY BECAUSE THAT'S THE KEY TO THE WHOLE THING.
15 AND ALSO, IF YOU CAN HELP US FIGHTING NIMBYISM, THAT WOULD BE
16 VERY HELPFUL BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS ANY PEOPLE NEED ANYWHERE. SO
17 THAT'S THE KEY TO THE WHOLE THING, AS SIMPLE AS THAT. AND WE
18 DO APPRECIATE THAT AND I DO APPRECIATE CARLOS FOR GIVING ME
19 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE ME ALONE AND DO MY JOB AND THAT'S
20 VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THE OTHER THING IS, SUPERVISOR DON,
21 LOOK AT ME, I MET HIM WHEN THEY HAVE PLANE CRASH IN CERRITOS
22 HERE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** 1986.

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1 **SYED RUSHDY:** YEP. AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM. HE
2 DOESN'T REMEMBER ME, ANYWAY. HE WAS TOO BIG. HE WAS MAYOR.
3 AND, ALL AROUND THE CORNER, YOU KNOW, CHECK FOR A FRIEND
4 BECAUSE I HEARD ON THE NEWS, YOU KNOW, SO-- AND HE'S BEEN MY
5 FRIEND FOR A LONG TIME. BUT YOU'VE GOT BIG PROBLEMS, YOU KNOW?
6 HOMELESSNESS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CREATING JOBS AND THINGS
7 LIKE THAT. AND THE TWO DISTRICTS HAVE BIG PROBLEMS, YOURS AND
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU KNOW, BUT IT'S PRETTY TOUGH, YOU KNOW,
9 IT'S TOUGH TIMES BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE DOING GOOD THINGS. BUT
10 I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE ALL THE SUPPORT AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SYED RUSHDY:** AND HAVE A GOOD LIFE. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU, TOO. HAVE A VERY GOOD LIFE. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IF I COULD ASK FRANCISCO JUAREZ AND
19 HIS DELEGATION TO JOIN ME. WIFE, CLARA, AND KEITH JEFFRIES AND
20 A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER FOLKS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
21 GENTLEMEN, IT'S THE EXPRESS CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL
22 LEGISLATION APPROVED IN MARCH OF 1887 TO ESTABLISH A
23 PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER
24 SOLDIERS GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED WEST OF THE ROCKIES FOR ALL
25 HONORABLY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE VOLUNTEER



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1 FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES. JOHN JONES AND ARCADIA DEBAKER
2 GENEROUSLY PROVIDED A GRANT DEED OF 300 ACRES IN 1888 TO SERVE
3 AS THE OPTIMUM SITE FOR WHAT WAS DESIGNATED AT THAT TIME AS
4 THE PACIFIC BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER
5 SOLDIERS, ESTABLISHED TO BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED AS A
6 LOCATION TO PROVIDE REST AND REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED
7 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS. TODAY, CONSCIENTIOUS VETERANS OF
8 HONORABLE AND INDOMITABLE SPIRIT STAND IN THE FOREFRONT OF
9 EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THIS PROPERTY THAT WAS DEDICATED AND
10 DONATED IN 1888 REMAINS DEDICATED FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF
11 VETERANS. THIS PROPERTY, OF COURSE, IS THE VETERANS
12 ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY IN WEST LOS ANGELES. CITIZENS FOR
13 VETERANS RIGHTS WAS FOUNDED AT AND HOSTED BY THE PETE VALDEZ
14 SENIOR AMVETS POST NUMBER 2 AS A VETERANS LAND FOR VETERANS
15 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION AND WAS ESTABLISHED SOLELY FOR THE
16 PRINCIPAL OF UPHOLDING THE SPIRIT OF THE GRANT DEED OF 1888.
17 CITIZENS FOR VETERANS RIGHTS PARTICIPATED IN 1998, ALONG WITH
18 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE WEST LOS
19 ANGELES AREA IN DEFEATING A FLAWED 25-YEAR PLAN THAT SAW TO
20 VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE DEED AND CONTINUES
21 TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS
22 VETERAN'S AFFAIRS FACILITIES TO ENSURE THAT ALL VETERANS
23 RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE DUE THEM BY VIRTUE OF THEIR MILITARY
24 SERVICE. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS
25 OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE CITIZENS FOR VETERANS RIGHTS AND



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1 COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF
2 AMERICAN VETERANS AND FOR IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE LAND USE
3 POLICIES FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES AND MEETING THE NEEDS
4 OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY, AND, OF COURSE, FRANK AND MARLA
5 JUREZ HAVE BEEN FIXTURES IN THIS FIGHT. KEITH JEFFRIES, WHO IS
6 THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, IS HERE WITH US TODAY.
7 ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE-- IN
8 YEARS OF STRUGGLE TO TRY TO KEEP THE WEST L.A. V.A. FOR
9 VETERANS PURPOSES ONLY AND, FRANKLY, IT'S BEEN ONLY BECAUSE OF
10 YOUR EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE EVEN BEEN IN THE FIGHT. WITHOUT YOUR
11 COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEDICATION, I DON'T THINK WE WOULD EVEN
12 STAND A CHANCE. SO THIS HAS BEEN A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE VETERANS COMMUNITY AND THE
14 COMMUNITY OF WEST LOS ANGELES, IT'S BEEN A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP.
15 WE HAVE INVESTED QUITE A BIT OF OUR RESOURCES, YOU HAVE YOURS,
16 TO KEEP FAITH WITH THE DEED THAT WAS THE GIFT THAT WAS GIVEN
17 IN 1888 TO VETERANS OF THAT TIME AND TO ALL FUTURE VETERANS.
18 SO WE WANTED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY
19 ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'LL PRESENT IT
20 TO YOU, KEITH, AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT THE
21 ORGANIZATION HAS DONE AND WE WISH YOU WELL AND LOOK FORWARD TO
22 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE]
23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY A WORD? WE'LL GET THE
25 WHOLE GROUP AFTER HE SAYS A WORD.



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2 **KEITH JEFFRIES:** THANK YOU. WE ARE HONORED. THANK YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, FOR THIS HONOR. THANK YOU TO ALL
4 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRESENTING THIS TO US TODAY.
5 THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AS WELL.
6 STAFF MEMBER FLORA GILCRESTLOF, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE EFFORTS
7 YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENED TODAY AND ALL
8 YOUR EFFORTS BEHALF VETERANS IN YOUR TENURE AS A LEADER IN
9 BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK, AGAIN,
10 AMVETS POST 2, PETE VALDEZ SENIOR POST FOR LEADING THE FIGHT
11 TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS' RIGHTS ARE PRESERVED AT THE WEST L.A.
12 V.A. AND THAT THAT LAND IS DEDICATED FOR USE SOLELY BY
13 VETERANS. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE OTHER CITIZENS
14 THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY AND SO MANY
15 VETERANS THROUGH THE YEARS THAT HAVE DONE HARD WORK TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT THIS MOMENT HERE TODAY HAPPENS AND THAT WE CAN
17 CONTINUE OUR WORK INTO THE FUTURE. WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE
18 VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT HAVE ASSISTED, NOT ONLY
19 AMVETS POST 2 BUT AMVETS POST 116, VIETNAM VETERANS OF
20 AMERICA, VFW, AMERICAN LEGION, THE ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEARTS,
21 JEWISH WAR VETERANS AND I HOPE THAT I'M NOT LEAVING ANYBODY
22 OUT BUT, IF I HAVE, THANK YOU. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OFFER A
23 SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HEIRS OF THE JONES DEBAKER FAMILY FOR
24 HELPING US IN THIS FIGHT AND FOR DONATING THE LAND IN 1888.
25 HAD THEY NOT DONATED THAT LAND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THOSE



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1 VETERANS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC WHO FOUGHT SO
2 VALIANTLY AND SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THIS
3 UNION, WE MIGHT NOT ALL BE HERE TODAY. C.F.V.R. TOOK THE
4 WORDING OF THE DEED OF 1888 AND MADE IT THE FOUNDATION OF OUR
5 MISSION STATEMENT TO UPHOLD THE SPIRIT OF THE ORIGINAL DEED
6 AND TO REALIZE ULTIMATELY A MODEL V.A. FACILITY THAT ADDRESSES
7 ALL THE VETERANS OF ILLNESSES AND AILMENTS OF VETERANS,
8 ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE RETURNING FROM THE CURRENT
9 CONFLICTS. WE OFFER TODAY TO WORK WITH ALL INDIVIDUAL
10 CITIZENS, VETERANS THAT ARE WILLING TO JOIN US IN THIS FIGHT
11 AS WE CONTINUE FORWARD. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
12 TOILED IN THE PAST AND GAVE OF THEIR SPIRIT AND THEIR BLOOD,
13 AGAIN, WE WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. FOR THE VETERANS OF THE
14 MARINE CORPS, FOR THE NAVY, FOR THE COAST GUARD, FOR THE AIR
15 FORCE AND FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WE ARE CITIZENS, WE ARE
16 VETERANS, WE ARE CITIZENS FOR VETERANS RIGHTS, C.F.V.R., DUTY,
17 HONOR, COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
18 FOR JUST A MOMENT FRANCISCO JUREZ, WHO HAS LED THIS FIGHT FOR
19 SO MANY YEARS. THANK YOU, FRANK. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **FRANCISCO JUREZ:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
22 THE OTHER BOARD AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR SIGNING ON
23 AND FOR THINKING OUT OF THE BOX, FOR THIS GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO
24 THINK OUT OF THE BOX AND ENDORSE A VETERAN ADVOCACY GROUP, NOT



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1 A VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION. WE WILL MAKE YOU PROUD. THANK
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, FRANK, KEITH. YOU'VE ALREADY MADE
5 US PROUD AND YOU ARE OUR PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT AND I KNOW
6 ALL THAT ALL THE SUPERVISORS SHARE THAT SENTIMENT. THANK YOU
7 ALL VERY MUCH. TAKE A QUICK PICTURE HERE. MR. KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** SIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND
10 HONOR TO ASK THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, LISA
11 LUKE, THE MUSIC TEACHER, CORY OLARIU, AND THE DOWNEY HIGH
12 SCHOOL JAZZ BAND, ALONG WITH CARL MONTEVERSION FROM THE LOS
13 ANGELES PHILHARMONIC. THE DOWNEY HIGH JAZZ BAND, LED BY MR.
14 OLARIU, HAD PRIVILEGE OF THE PERFORMING AT THE OPENING NIGHT
15 AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL WITH THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC IN
16 FRONT OF 18,000 ATTENDEES. THE JAZZ BAND WAS ONE OF THE MANY
17 SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS AND JAZZ BANDS PARTICIPATING IN A
18 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PHILHARMONIC. THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP,
19 THE STUDENTS RECEIVED COACHING AND MASTER CLASSES BY THE L.A.
20 PHILHARMONIC MUSICIANS, GUEST JAZZ ARTISTS, TEACHING ARTISTS
21 AND ATTENDED PHILHARMONIC OPEN REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS. ALSO,
22 MR. OLARIU IS TO BE CONGRATULATED BECAUSE HE WON-- HE RECEIVED
23 THE FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSPIRE THE FUTURE AWARD. THIS AWARD
24 IS GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO STUDENTS WRITE AN ESSAY EXPLAINING
25 HOW THEIR TEACHER HAS INSPIRED THEM BY MAKING MUSIC MATTER.



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1 HIS PERSISTENT WORK IN REVIVING THE MUSIC PROGRAM AT DOWNEY
2 HIGH SCHOOL IS TO BE COMMENDED. SO IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE
3 TO WELCOME THE DOWNEY HIGH JAZZ BAND, CONGRATULATE THEM ON A
4 GREAT EFFORT. AS I WAS TELLING THEM THIS MORNING. THERE ARE
5 STILL SO MANY ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT ONE OF THEIR
6 DREAMS IS TO PLAY ON THE STAGE OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND
7 YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. SO, CORY, TO
8 YOU AND TO THE BAND MEMBERS, TO THE DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL, WE
9 THANK YOU FOR THAT REVIVAL OF THAT MUSIC PROGRAM THERE AND WE
10 WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **CORY OLARIU:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK FOR THIS DAY. WE ARE VERY
13 HONORED THAT WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO PERFORM IN THE HOLLYWOOD
14 BOWL, ALONG THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL ORCHESTRA ALONG CARLOS SANTANA
15 AND WE'RE JUST HONORED. I WANT TO THANK CARMEN VIRGIN FROM THE
16 L.A. PHILHARMONIC FOR REALLY TAKING CARE OF US AND HOOKING US
17 UP WITH ALL THOSE GREAT CLINICIANS THAT VISITED US IN THE LAST
18 FOUR YEARS. ALSO WANT TO THANK LISA LUCE, REPRESENTING OUR
19 ADMINISTRATORS FROM OUR SCHOOL FOR SUPPORTING OUR MUSIC
20 PROGRAM. AND NOT LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR STUDENTS
21 THAT WERE GREAT AND MAKE ME LOOK PROUD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE

22]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** GOT TO BE A GREAT THRILL TO PERFORM ON THAT STAGE.
25 NEXT, IT'S-- WHY, I SAY IT'S MY HONOR BUT SORT OF WITH SADNESS



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1 TO CALL AFAF ASSAD UP, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
2 BOARD AND HER BOSS, SACHI. WHERE IS SACHI? SACHI COMING UP
3 HERE? AFTER 30 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE, AFAF WILL BE RETIRING.
4 HER LAST DAY IS TODAY AND WE WANT TO WISH HER WELL. SHE SHOULD
5 BE VERY PROUD OF HER PUBLIC SERVICE AND HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS
6 DURING HER CAREER. SHE HAS DEVELOPED SEVERAL PROGRAMS,
7 INCLUDING THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM TO
8 HELP TAXPAYERS UNDERSTAND THEIR PROPERTY TAX APPEAL RIGHTS AND
9 HAS ACTUALLY WRITTEN TWO EDUCATIONAL BOOKS ENTITLED
10 "ASSESSMENT APPEALS" AND "OVERVIEW AND HOW TO PREPARE YOU FOR
11 YOUR ASSESSMENT APPEAL HEARING" AND SHE'S BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 MANY OTHER GREAT PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS SO WE WANT TO COMMEND
13 HER FOR HER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COUNTY, TO THE
14 CONSTITUENTS THAT WE SERVE AND FROM THE CITIZENS OF LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY AND WISH HER AND HER HUSBAND WELL IN THEIR
16 RETIREMENT AND ALSO WE MET MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS ON
17 THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS. SHE'S A FELLOW
18 RESIDENT OUT THERE AND SHE AND HER HUSBAND AND FAMILY HAVE
19 BEEN DEAR FRIENDS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SO, AFAF, WE WANT TO
20 SAY GOD SPEED, HAVE A GREAT RETIREMENT, AND WE WISH YOU AND
21 YOUR HUSBAND THE VERY, VERY BEST. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **AFAF ASSAD:** I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE
24 AND TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS, A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY STAFF WHO
25 HELPED ME TO GET TO THIS POSITION. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND



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1 THANKS TO ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT I WORKED WITH. I
2 REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON YOUR
3 FAMILIES. AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **AFAF ASSAD:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. BURKE IS NEXT.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IT'S MY HONOR TO CALL UP MAE THOMAS AND SHE
11 HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. OF
12 COURSE, WE MOSTLY KNOW HER, FIRST OF ALL, AS A MEMBER OF 660
13 AND REPRESENTATIVE OF 660 BUT SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
14 TRUSTEES OF COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE RECENTLY
15 RECEIVED THE GOLD APPLE AWARD FROM THE MID-CITY SCHOOL CREDIT
16 UNION FOR HER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVING AS A ROLE MODEL
17 FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY. SHE HAS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF
18 EXPERIENCE AS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER. SHE'S RECEIVED
19 NUMEROUS HONORS, INCLUDING WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY LABOR AFFAIRS,
20 ASSEMBLY AND ALSO BY THE ASSEMBLYMAN, CARL WASHINGTON;
21 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY CONGRESSMAN WALTER TUCKER.
22 SHE'S EXTREMELY HUMBLE ABOUT HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND PREFERS TO
23 FOCUS ON GETTING THINGS DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. BUT I REALLY
24 HAVE TO SAY THE REASON I AM HONORING HER IS THAT I HAVE KNOWN
25 HER AND WORKED WITH HER, AND I DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING TO MIND



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1 ME SAYING THIS, HER DAUGHTER WAS TRAGICALLY MURDERED BY HER
2 HUSBAND IN THE PRESENCE OF HER EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE HAD TO
3 MAKE A DECISION AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW,
4 HER DAUGHTER HAD SECTION 8 BUT SHE LOST THAT, SO MAE HAD TO
5 DECIDE, AS A WORKING WOMAN EVERY DAY GOING TO WORK, WHETHER OR
6 NOT SHE WOULD TAKE THOSE EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN IN. SHE TOOK THEM
7 IN. SHE TOOK THEM IN, KNOWING THAT SHE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO
8 QUALIFY FOR SOME OF THE KIND OF BENEFITS PEOPLE RECEIVE. SHE'S
9 FOUGHT TO ADOPT THOSE CHILDREN, SHE'S GIVEN THEM A WONDERFUL
10 HOME, SHE'S RAISED THEM AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING WONDERFUL. WE
11 SEE THEM ALL THE TIME AND IT'S BECAUSE SHE IS, OF COURSE, NOT
12 ONLY ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY, A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND
13 ALL THOSE THINGS BUT SHE DID TAKE TIME AND SHE GAVE THEM THE
14 KIND OF LOVE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES, AND FOR
15 THAT AND FOR ALL THE OTHER THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY
16 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, MAE, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. [
17 APPLAUSE]

18

19 **MAE THOMAS:** THANK YOU TO MY GREAT SUPERVISOR, YVONNE BURKE,
20 AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISOR BOARD. IT IS INDEED A GREAT
21 PLEASURE AND A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AND I THANK YVONNE BURKE
22 SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME THIS HONOR WHY I CAN SMELL THE FLOWERS.
23 IT IS TRUE THAT I HAD TAKEN ON A GREAT BURDEN BUT IT WAS A
24 BURDEN THAT I KNOW THE LORD WAS WITH ME AND YVONNE BURKE HAD
25 DONE SO MUCH IN HER WAY OF HELPING ME TO ACHIEVE WHAT MY



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1 GRANDKIDS NEEDED, FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER ON DOWN TO EVEN BEDS
2 THAT WAS GIVEN TO MY GRANDCHILDREN, A BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, THE
3 MOTHERS IN ACTION, EVEN CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS AND THE
4 PRESIDENT OF MY UNION, ELLIE ALEJANDRO, WHO REMEMBERS, WAS
5 RIGHT THERE AND SHARED THE BURDEN WITH ME. MY OTHER GUEST
6 TODAY IS MARIE TRUBY, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF A TEACHER'S
7 UNION OF C.E.A. IN COMPTON. I THANK ALL OF YOU SO MUCH FOR
8 THIS HONOR. IT IS A PRIVILEGE WHEN YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SO HARD,
9 SO STRESSFUL BUT YET IT'S THE FIGHTER THAT IS IN ME TO FIGHT
10 FOR THE CAUSE. I BELIEVE IN FIGHTING IN EVERY WHICH WAY THAT I
11 CAN. I BELIEVE IN SERVING AND BECOMING A GOOD CITIZEN. I WANT
12 MY GRANDCHILDREN SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE TO BE THE BEST. I BELIEVE,
13 HARD AND STRONG, THAT IT IS OUR DUTY THAT NO CHILD BE LEFT
14 BEHIND, THAT WE BE THERE FOR THEM NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR
15 WHERE THEY ARE AND WE CAN WIN THIS BATTLE. WE CAN WIN IT BY
16 STANDING TOGETHER, BY FIGHTING AND HOPING AND PRAYING THAT,
17 ONE DAY, ONE CHILD SOMEWHERE WILL RECEIVE AND TO YOU I THANK
18 YOU SO MUCH. I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY BECAUSE, OUT OF ALL
19 OF MY AWARDS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED, THIS IS THE GREATEST. THANK
20 YOU. MAY GOD ALWAYS SHINE OVER YOU, YVONNE. THANK YOU. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE MORE. I HAVE TO SAY, MAE, REALLY HAS
2 HAD A TOUGH TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL FORWARD ZEKE, THE
3 RINGMASTER SIDEKICK AND META WILLIAMS OF THE UNIVERSOUL
4 CIRCUS, THE VISION OF CEDRIC WALKER, FOUNDER AND CEO, TO
5 EXPLORE THE VARIOUS PERFORMANCE TALENTS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS
6 IN THE AREAS OTHER THAN SONG AND DANCE AND IT CAME TO FRUITION
7 IN 1994 WHEN THE UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-
8 AMERICAN OWNED AND OPERATED CIRCUS IN THE UNITED STATES.
9 TODAY, THE CIRCUS INCLUDES NOT ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN
10 PERFORMERS BUT ALSO A HIGHLY DIVERSE TEAM FROM ALL AROUND THE
11 WORLD INCLUDING CHINA, AFRICA AND FRANCE. THERE ARE 75
12 PERFORMERS AND 12 ACTS PERFORMED ON THE CIRCUS TOUR FEBRUARY
13 TO NOVEMBER. THE CIRCUS IS NOW IN LOS ANGELES AND HERE'S MORE
14 DETAILS ON DATES AND VENUE. WELL, I CAN TELL YOU IT'S AT THE
15 FORUM, RIGHT? AND WHEN YOU LEAVE THE FORUM, WHERE DO YOU GO?
16

17 **SPEAKER:** WE GO TO HOUSTON.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU GO TO HOUSTON, SO WE HAVE TO SEE THEM AT THE
20 FORUM. AND I KNOW I SAW THEM WHEN THEY WERE AT THE COLISEUM,
21 ON THE GROUNDS OF THE EXPOSITION PARK BEFORE. AND WE'RE VERY
22 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THEM AND PARTICULARLY ZEKE RINGMASTER
23 SIDEKICK AND SYLVESTER BURTON OF THE NATIONAL STAFF. [
24 APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **META WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. WE ARE HERE WITH THE UNIVERSOUL
2 CIRCUS. YOU REMEMBER SOUL TRAIN? WE ARE THE SOUL CIRCUS AND
3 ARE THESE PEOPLE BEAUTIFUL THAT WE HAVE HERE? [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **META WILLIAMS:** AND WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE WANT
6 TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE'S STAFF. SUPERVISOR BURKE HAS
7 REPRESENTED THIS REGION AND THIS COUNTRY FOR SO MANY YEARS AND
8 REPRESENTED US WITH SO MUCH DIGNITY AND GRACE. I REMEMBER, AS
9 A CHILD, HER IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS AND SO WE JUST LOVE
10 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND WE THANK HER FOR BRINGING THESE WONDERFUL
11 PERFORMERS HERE TODAY. WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD,
12 THE UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS HAS CHANGED THE WAY PEOPLE THINK ABOUT
13 CIRCUSES. WE'VE DONE AWAY WITH THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE AND
14 WE BRING A FAMILY FUN SHOW THAT-- WHERE PEOPLE PARTY, THEY GET
15 UP OUT OF THEIR SEATS AND IT IS JUST FUN FOR EVERYBODY. WE
16 THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO JUST
17 KEEP COMING EVERY YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO START BUILDING A YEAR-
18 ROUND PRESENCE FOR THE UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS. MY NAME IS META
19 WILLIAMS AND I AM THE LOCAL COORDINATOR AND I WILL CONTINUE TO
20 BE THE YEAR ROUND FACE FOR THE UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS. AND WE THANK
21 YOU SO MUCH. I NOW WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ZEKE. ZEKE IS THE
22 MAN. HE'S BEEN ON BOARD WITH THE SOUL CIRCUS SINCE ITS FIRST
23 DAYS. HE TOOK A LITTLE BREAK BUT HE IS BACK AND EVERYBODY IS
24 SO EXCITED. WE WILL BE HERE FROM NOVEMBER 2ND, THURSDAY NIGHT



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1 IS OUR OPENING NIGHT, FROM NOVEMBER 2ND THROUGH THE 12TH AT
2 HOLLYWOOD PARK. I GIVE YOU ZEKE.

3

4 **ZEKE:** SO HOW Y'ALL DOING, HOW Y'ALL DOING, HOW YOU DOING, HOW
5 YOU DOING? HOW YOU DOING? ALL RIGHT. THE CIRCUS IS THE CIRCUS
6 OF SOUL. THAT MEANS IT'S A CIRCUS WITH FEELING TO IT. WHAT WE
7 HAVE UP HERE TODAY IS A SHOWCASE OF SOME OF OUR WORLD CLASS
8 TALENT FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. STARTING ON OUR RIGHT-HAND
9 SIDE, WE'RE GOING TO THE CITY OF CHICAGO, WE'VE GOT WHAT WE
10 CALL SOUL ON ICE. THESE ARE SOUL ON ICE, ICE SKATERS THAT WE
11 PUT IN OUR CENTER RING AND THEY DO THEIR THING. GIVE IT UP FOR
12 THE ONE AND ONLY SOULS ON ICE. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **ZEKE:** JAMAL, CHRISSY, THERE YOU GO. COMING UP NEXT, WE GO TO
15 THE GREAT ISLANDS OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. GIVE IT UP FOR
16 THE CARIBBEAN DANCERS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **ZEKE:** ALONG WITH THE LIMBO KING HIMSELF, THE ONE AND ONLY
19 STERLING. ALSO, WE HAVE THE GREAT CONTINENT OF AFRICA. WE ARE
20 GOING TO THE GREAT COUNTRY OF ETHIOPIA. GIVE IT UP FOR THE
21 ETHIOPIANS. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **ZEKE:** ALSO WE'RE GOING TO ANOTHER GREAT COUNTRY IN AFRICA,
24 IT'S CALLED GABON. GIVE IT UP FOR THE GABONESE ACROBATIC
25 TROUPE. [APPLAUSE]



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1

2 **ZEKE:** ALSO, WE'VE TAKEN IT TO CHINA, THE GREAT WALLS OF CHINA.
3 GIVE IT UP. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **ZEKE:** AND TODAY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS GIVE YOU JUST A
6 SNEAK PREVIEW OF SOME OF THE HIGH CLASS PERFORMERS THAT WE
7 HAVE UNDER THE BIG TOP. WE HAVE A SPECIAL FEATURE FOR YOU
8 TODAY. IT'S GOING TO BE OUR-- WHAT WE HAVE CALL OUR STANDING
9 IN MOTION. CARL, MUSIC, IF YOU PLEASE, SIR. DON'T FORGET,
10 WE'LL BE HERE NOVEMBER 2ND THROUGH THE 18TH. [MUSIC]

11

12 **ZEKE:** STANDING IN MOTION. OH YEAH. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **ZEKE:** SOME OUTSTANDING TALENT. EACH AND EVERY YEAR UNDER THE
15 BIG TOP. OH, DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **ZEKE:** IN MEMORY OF OUR GREAT BROTHER, LUTHER VANDROSS. [
18 SINGING] TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM TO FIND THE UNBEATABLE
19 FORM...

20

21 **ZEKE:** GRACE, STAMINA, ENDURANCE, BALANCE... [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **META WILLIAMS:** WE'D ALSO LIKE TO ANNOUNCE WE HAVE TWO SPECIAL
24 NIGHTS FOR L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. OPENING
25 NIGHT, NOVEMBER 2ND AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, WE HAVE



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1 DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEES, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
2 OF L.A. COUNTY AND MISS DELL HUFF IS THE PERSON THAT I'M
3 WORKING WITH IN GETTING THE FLIER OUT TO THE EMPLOYEE NETWORK,
4 SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON THESE TWO
5 NIGHTS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **ZEKE:** ALSO, ALSO, IF ANYBODY GET A CHANCE, IF YOU DON'T GET A
8 CHANCE TO COME DOWN TO THE UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS, END OF OUR TOUR,
9 WHICH ENDS AROUND END OF THANKSGIVING, OUR D.V.D. WILL BE
10 COMING OUT, SO GO TO WWW.UNIVERSOULCIRCUS.COM AND OUR DVD WILL
11 BE OUT. WE STARTED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO IN D.C. EVERYBODY
12 KNOWS ABOUT THE HBO SPECIAL. AT THE END OF OUR TOUR, WE'RE
13 RELEASING THE DVD. PUT THAT IN YOUR LIBRARY. THANK YOU. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **ZEKE:** ONE MORE THING TO SAY. WHEN I SAY BIG TOP, YOU SAY
17 CIRCUS. BIG TOP.

18

19 **ALL:** CIRCUS.

20

21 **ZEKE:** WE LOVE YOU. [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES MY
24 PRESENTATIONS.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. KNABE IS GOING TO TRY TO DO
2 THAT ACROBATIC...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO-- IT WON'T BE
5 LONG NOW.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CERRITOS SHUFFLE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THE CERRITOS FALL.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT WAS A NICE WAY TO START THE
12 MORNING. I NOT ONLY WOULDN'T TRY IT AT HOME, I WOULDN'T TRY IT
13 AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, MRS. BURKE, FOR
14 THAT OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION. I THINK WE HAVE NO OTHER
15 PRESENTATIONS, IS THAT RIGHT? SO WE GO BACK TO THE AGENDA, AND
16 I THINK I WAS FIRST UP, SO THANK YOU. WE'RE HOLDING ITEM 20
17 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. CAN WE TAKE THAT UP AT THIS TIME?
18 RICHARD ROBINSON. I SAW HIM. I THINK HE'S SIGNING UP FOR THE
19 CIRCUS. [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, MR. ROBINSON. YOU'RE UP.

22

23 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE PRESIDENT, MEMBERS, RICHARD
24 ROBINSON. I'M A STUDENT OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY. SIR, UPON
25 GRADUATION FROM A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL, MONTESSORI, ON THE



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1 CAMPUS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, I ENTERED THE UNITED
2 STATES AIR FORCE IN '59 WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS IN
3 OFFICE. I WAS ASKED BECAUSE MY TEST SCORES WERE INTENDED TO BE
4 IF THE MILITARY PAID FOR MY EDUCATION. I SAID PSYCHOLOGIST. IN
5 THE '50S. I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING IN MR. EISENHOWER'S
6 PRESENCE. I WAS SOMEWHAT GIFTED WITH HIGH TEST SCORES. OF
7 COURSE, SCHOOL WILL NEVER INTERFERE WITH MY EDUCATION. I'M A
8 PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENT. SOME OF MY IDEAS PEOPLE
9 THINK ARE WHACKED MONTESSORIAN. BECAUSE THE \$32 MILLION
10 FINANCED BY THE STATE AND FED THROUGH JUNE OF 2007, THESE \$32
11 MILLION MAKE THIS ITEM, FOR YOU, REVENUE NEUTRAL. I SUPPORT
12 THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. THE AGREEMENTS, WITH 33
13 EXISTING HEALTH PROVIDERS, TO SUPPLY COUNTY A BROAD ARRAY OF
14 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, ADULTS IN TRANSITION AND I HOPE
15 SENIOR CITIZENS ALSO WILL RECEIVE A PART OF THIS \$32 MILLION.
16 THE AGREEMENT WITH THESE 33 EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
17 WILL HELP SOME MENTALLY CHALLENGED FOLKS SUCCEED. I HOPE THAT
18 THE HOMELESS SUFFERING, AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC IS APPROXIMATELY
19 ONE-THIRD OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION SUFFER SCHIZOPHRENIA. I
20 HOPE THEY WILL RECEIVE A PART OF THIS MONEY, PARTICULARLY AT
21 THE LAMP IN GLORIA'S DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. ANY DISCUSSION? IF
24 NOT, MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON



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1 ITEM NUMBER 20. ON ITEM NUMBER 27, WE WERE HOLDING THIS FOR A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. PETER BAXTER.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PETER BAXTER. GO AHEAD, MR. BAXTER.

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8 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
9 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND
10 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT TODAY
11 IS ALMOST THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER WHEN THIS
12 BOARD CONSIDERED THE USE OF THE TURBO JET ENGINE FOR FIRE
13 FIGHTING IN THE FIRES OF KUWAIT. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE DIRECTOR OF
14 PUBLIC WORKS, MR. WOLFE, AND HIS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WROTE ME A
15 LETTER IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS ADVANCED
16 BY THE CURRENT FIRE DEPARTMENT. THAT WAS ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO,
17 I BELIEVE IT WAS. SO WHAT I WAS THINKING WITH THE TRAUMATIC
18 EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS, WHEN FIREFIGHTERS LOST THEIR
19 LIVES IN THIS AREA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS MIGHT
20 CONSIDER TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT HIS SWEEPING SUPPORT OF THE
21 TECHNOLOGY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPLYING HIS ENGINEERING
22 TALENTS TO THE PARTICULAR PROBLEM AND-- ADVANCED BY ME MORE
23 RECENTLY AND BY MISS RIVERA. I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, WITH
24 RESPECT TO THE FACT THAT IT'S ADDRESSED TO MISS RIVERA, A
25 LETTER FROM THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR FOR THE-- I THINK IT'S



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1 THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA. I AM NOT
2 GOING TO ADDRESS THAT LETTER BECAUSE MISS RIVERA RECEIVED THE
3 LETTER AND WILL PROBABLY ADDRESS IT NEXT WEEK, ALL OF WHICH IS
4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. WE'LL HOLD THIS UNTIL
7 MS. MOLINA RETURNS. IT'S A FOUR VOTE ITEM. WE HAVE ITEM 63. WE
8 CAN TAKE THAT UP. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. CHERNOF.
9 GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **DR. CHERNOF:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE
12 YOU AN UPDATE FROM WHERE WE ARE SINCE OUR MEETING LAST WEEK.
13 THE MOST IMPORTANT UPDATE I HAVE TO BRING YOU IS THE LETTER I
14 RECEIVED FROM DENNIS SMITH AT THE CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND
15 MEDICARE STRATEGIES-- SERVICES, PARDON ME. I'D ACTUALLY LIKE
16 TO READ THAT LETTER SO THAT WE'VE HEARD IT AND THEN I'LL BE
17 GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. IT SAYS:
18 DEAR DR. CHERNOF, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF
19 OCTOBER 26TH, 2006, IN WHICH YOU REPLY TO SOME OF OUR
20 QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' PLANS FOR
21 MARTIN LUTHER KING CHARLES R. DREW MEDICAL CENTER. IN YOUR
22 LETTER, YOU ALSO REQUESTED A CMS RESPONSE TO CERTAIN ISSUES
23 PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER 6TH PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO
24 FACILITATE COUNTY CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAN. TWO ELEMENTS OF
25 THE PLAN FOR WHICH YOU REQUEST A CMS RESPONSE ARE (A) THE



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1 REQUEST FOR \$50 MILLION IN ONE-TIME SPECIAL FUNDING TO ASSIST
2 IN MAKING THE CHANGES IN THE PLAN; AND (B) A REQUEST FOR A 12-
3 MONTH EXTENSION OF THE NOVEMBER 30TH DATE FOR TERMINATION OF
4 THE EXISTING MEDICARE PROVIDER AGREEMENT. THAT TERMINATION WAS
5 PRECIPITATED BY CONTINUED FINDINGS THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT
6 PROVIDING QUALITY CARE CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE
7 MEDICARE PROGRAM. WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR \$50 MILLION
8 IN SPECIAL FUNDING, WE DO NOT SEE ANY REASONABLE BASIS FOR
9 C.M.S. TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS, SUCH FUNDS. EVEN IF SUCH
10 RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE, THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL FEDERAL
11 FUNDING BECAUSE A HOSPITAL HAS REPEATEDLY FAILED TO MEET
12 QUALITY OF CARE REQUIREMENTS IS NOT THE TYPE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
13 POLICY WE WOULD ENDORSE. WE MUST RESPECTFULLY DECLINE THE
14 REQUEST. WITH REGARD TO YOUR REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE
15 NOVEMBER 30TH DATE FOR TERMINATION OF THE MEDICARE PROVIDER
16 AGREEMENT, C.M.S. IS OBLIGED BY LAW AND REGULATION TO PROTECT
17 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF BENEFICIARIES. FOR C.M.S. TO EXTEND
18 PUBLIC FUNDING FOR 12 MONTHS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF
19 CONTINUING TO PROVIDE CARE IN A SETTING THAT WILL ADMITTEDLY
20 BE UNABLE TO MEET MEDICARE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR
21 SUCH A TIME WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR STATUTORY
22 RESPONSIBILITIES. HOWEVER, OUR STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DUTIES
23 DO ESTABLISH A STRONG INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS
24 ARE NOT HARMED DURING THE PROCESS OF DOWNSIZING THE HOSPITAL
25 TO A SIZE MORE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING QUALITY CARE AND EXTENDING



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1 THE SERVICES OF HARBOR-U.C.L.A. TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTHCARE
2 TO THE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE M.L.K. DOWNSIZING. BASED ON
3 MATERIALS YOU SUBMITTED TO US, THE DOWNSIZING OF M.L.K. IS
4 EXPECTED TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY COMPLETE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2007,
5 WITH CONTINUED WORK BETWEEN M.L.K. AND HARBOR-U.C.L.A. IN
6 MARCH OF 2007 TO COMPLETE THE TRANSITION. BASED ON THOSE
7 EXPECTATIONS, WE WILL EXTEND THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF THE
8 M.L.K. PROVIDER AGREEMENT TO MARCH 31ST, 2007. SUCH AN
9 EXTENSION IS SUBJECT TO EVIDENCE FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS THAT SUBSTANTIAL RESTRUCTURING TO IMPROVE THE
11 QUALITY OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF SOUTH LOS
12 ANGELES WILL OCCUR AND THAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE OCCURRING
13 IMMEDIATELY TO ADDRESS THE QUALITY OF CARE ISSUES IDENTIFIED
14 IN THE MOST RECENT SURVEY CONVEYED TO YOU ON SEPTEMBER 22ND,
15 2006. UPON SUCH CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO THE CURRENT NOVEMBER
16 30TH DATE FOR TERMINATION OF THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT, WE WOULD
17 THEN ISSUE A FORMAL NOTICE WITH THE NEW TERMINATION DATE. THE
18 PROVIDER AGREEMENT WOULD THEN REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE NEW
19 TERMINATION DATE, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT C.M.S. RESERVES THE
20 RIGHT TO MOVE TO IMMEDIATELY-- MOVE TO IMMEDIATE TERMINATION
21 AS ANY TIME WE FIND THE CONDITIONS IN THE HOSPITAL FURTHER
22 DETERIORATE AND SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
23 BENEFICIARIES. AS YOU KNOW, THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND
24 MEDICAID SERVICES SHARES YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE DELIVERY OF
25 QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. WE SINCERELY



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1 HOPE THAT THE NEARLY THREE YEAR PERIOD OF REPEATED FINDINGS OF
2 COMPROMISED HEALTHCARE CAN BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE AND A NEW ERA
3 OF QUALITY HEALTHCARE INAUGURATED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
4 DEDICATION TO SUCH A PURPOSE. WE HOPE THAT THIS RESPONSE
5 PROVIDES THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN WORKING
6 WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS WHAT WE
10 WERE WAITING FOR AND I THINK EVERYBODY WHO WAS PART OF THIS
11 TEAM SHOULD BE THANKED FOR THE EFFORTS THEY MADE AND THERE ARE
12 QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN TRYING TO GET THE
13 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION ON THIS. THE GOVERNOR WHO SPOKE
14 TO SECRETARY LEVITT, I BELIEVE YESTERDAY MORNING; HIS CHIEF OF
15 STAFF, SUSAN KENNEDY, WITH WHOM I SPOKE LAST WEEK ON THIS;
16 BILLY GRIER, WITH WHOM SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS
17 SPOKE THE GOVERNOR'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE; KIM BELSHE, THE
18 SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF
19 CALIFORNIA; OUR OWN TEAM, BOTH IN WASHINGTON, RON KAUFMAN AND
20 HIS GROUP, AND OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEAM, STARTING WITH
21 YOURSELF, DR. CHERNOF, I THINK YOUR RESPONSE TO DENNIS SMITH'S
22 LETTER LAST WEEK WAS POWERFUL AND-- RESPECTFUL BUT POWERFUL
23 AND ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED AND I THINK
24 THE RESULTS DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT THAT THAT LETTER HAD. AND,
25 YOU KNOW, ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFFS, THOSE WHO



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1 BURNED THE MIDNIGHT OIL ON THE PHONE LINES TO MAKE THIS
2 HAPPEN. THIS IS REALLY WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR. AS I SAID TO
3 DAVID YESTERDAY, HE STOPPED TO LOOK AT THIS. THE PLUG WAS
4 PULLED ON THIS HOSPITAL ABOUT, WHAT, FIVE WEEKS AGO, END OF
5 SEPTEMBER, TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER? AND THEN, IN A SHORT
6 SPAN OF FIVE WEEKS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A PLAN, A CREDIBLE PLAN
7 THAT HAS GOTTEN BUY-IN FROM PRETTY MUCH EVERYBODY ACROSS THE
8 BOARD, INCLUDING SOME OF OUR HARSHTEST CRITICS ORIGINALLY. IT
9 HAS NOW GOTTEN THE IMPRIMATUR OF APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT FROM
10 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT THAT GO AHEAD
11 AND DO IT AND YOUR FUNDING WILL CONTINUE, JUST EXECUTE IT THE
12 WAY YOU'VE PROMISED TO EXECUTE IT AND THE FUNDING WILL
13 CONTINUE, AND I THINK IT'S A REMARKABLE CHAIN OF EVENTS TO
14 HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS SHORT SPAN OF TIME AND I GUESS WE WORK
15 BEST UNDER DEADLINES SOMETIMES, AS LONG AS ALL OF OUR PARTNERS
16 RESPECT THOSE DEADLINES AS WELL AND I THINK THAT FEDERAL
17 AUTHORITIES, WE OWE THEM A THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING IN A
18 TIMELY FASHION. IT'S UNCHARACTERISTIC OF ANY OF US TO RESPOND
19 THAT QUICKLY AND THEY HAVE AND I THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE IT.
20 BUT YOU'RE THE LINCHPIN ON THIS AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND
21 YOUR STAFF FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND NOW THE HARD PART
22 BEGINS AND THAT'S IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. MS. BURKE?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** I WANT TO JOIN IN THANKING YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR
25 HARD WORK AND THE C.A.O. AND YOUR STAFF AND ALL OF OUR



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1 REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AS WELL WHO DID SUCH A MARVELOUS
2 JOB, AND BY THAT I MEAN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR REPRESENTATIVES
3 IN TERMS OF OUR LOBBYING STAFF WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF EVERY
4 CONTACT THEY HAD IN ORDER TO PUSH THIS BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW,
5 BOTH OF OUR SENATORS JOINED IN A LETTER THAT WENT OUT ON
6 MONDAY THAT I THINK WAS-- I THINK IT WENT OUT FRIDAY. WE
7 APPRECIATE THAT MUCH-- VERY MUCH, PLUS ALL OF THE ACTION BY
8 OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AREA,
9 JUANITA MCDONALD AND MAXINE WATERS, WHO REPRESENTS THE
10 ADJACENT AREA, AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR
11 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ALL CAME TOGETHER AND MOVED FORWARD
12 TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF WHAT WE WERE MOVING FORWARD TO
13 DO. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE
14 FOR WHAT IS NECESSARY. THIS MERGER BETWEEN M.L.K. AND HARBOR
15 IS ONE THAT I BELIEVE CAN WORK AND IT WILL WORK BECAUSE WE'VE
16 SEEN PEOPLE COME UP TO THE POST AND SAID, YES, WE'RE GOING TO
17 MAKE IT WORK, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF
18 COMMITMENT, A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND WE DO HAVE A TIME FRAME
19 HERE THAT'S NOT EASY. PUTTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS TOGETHER
20 USUALLY TAKES YEARS AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IT TOGETHER
21 IN MONTHS AND NOT ONLY PUT IT TOGETHER IN MONTHS, BUT PUT IT
22 TOGETHER IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT IS ABLE TO SURVIVE THE KIND OF
23 A DETAILED SURVEY THAT WE ARE FACING. SO I SAY TO EVERYONE
24 INVOLVED, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED US
25 TO GET TO THIS POINT AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK



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1 TOGETHER AND NOT GET INVOLVED IN TOO MANY OF THE DETAILS AND
2 TOO MANY IDEAS OF WHAT WE WANT IN THE FUTURE. WE KNOW THAT,
3 YOU KNOW, ULTIMATELY, WE'RE TRYING TO GET A GOAL AND WE HAVE
4 MANY GOALS IN TERMS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THAT HOSPITAL. AT THIS
5 TIME, OUR NUMBER ONE ASPIRATION MUST BE EXISTENCE. IT HAS TO
6 BE APPROVAL, IT HAS TO BE ACCREDITATION, IT HAS TO BE THE
7 FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND I
8 WOULD JUST ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN US IN TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD
9 AND ACCOMPLISH THIS FIRST. AFTER WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED THAT, THEN
10 I THINK WE CAN TALK ABOUT ALL OF OUR ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES AND
11 WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HOSPITAL BECOME AND WHAT
12 DIRECTION WE WOULD WANT TO GO IN BUT WE HAVE A BIG HILL TO
13 CLIMB. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE IT
14 POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SURMOUNT ALL OF THE PROBLEMS AND
15 TO MOVE FORWARD IN A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE WAY BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE
16 THE SAME GOAL, TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET FOR THE REGION OF LOS
17 ANGELES AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES.
18 SO I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND WE
19 CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO MORE SUCCESS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I, TOO, WANT TO BEGIN BY
24 CONGRATULATING YOU AND ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR STAFF AND THE
25 WHOLE TEAM THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT EARLIER BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW,



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1 LESLIE NORWALK, THE NEW C.M.S. DIRECTOR AND HAVING-- BEING
2 WILLING TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED UNDER SOME PRESSURE BECAUSE,
3 YOU KNOW, THE FORMER C.M.S. DIRECTOR LEFT JUST A COUPLE OF
4 WEEKS AGO, SO THIS IS A BIG ISSUE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ELEVATE
5 TO PUT ON THE PLATE UP FRONT AND SO WE WANT TO THANK HER AS
6 WELL. AND-- BUT AGAIN, I THINK IT WAS REALLY NICE, YOU KNOW,
7 TO HAVE EVERYONE PULLING ON THE SAME END OF THE ROPE, A
8 BIPARTISAN EFFORT AND, YOU KNOW, THE RESULTS SPEAK FOR ITSELF.
9 THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE, THOUGH, IS ONE THAT YVONNE
10 MENTIONED. YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, WE ASKED ORIGINALLY FOR 12
11 MONTHS AND THEY'VE GIVEN US FOUR. ARE WE COMPACTING THE 12
12 MONTHS INTO FOUR? ARE WE PROCEEDING ON THE 12-MONTH BASIS IN
13 DOING OUR FOUR MONTH AND THEN GET A SIGN-OFF BY C.M.S.? HOW IS
14 THAT GOING TO PROCEED IN THE TIME LINE?

15

16 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, AT THIS POINT, I THINK WE NEED
17 TO IMPLEMENT THE METROCARE PLAN AS WRITTEN WITH THE TIME
18 FRAMES ATTACHED. IT'S A VERY AGGRESSIVE PLAN AND THE AMOUNT OF
19 WORK THAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO GET DOWN BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH IS
20 THE WORK WE SHOULD DO. I THINK, AT THAT POINT, WE WILL GET
21 BACK TO C.M.S. WITH AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE. I'M COMMITTED
22 TO TALKING WITH C.M.S. AND THE STATE ON A WEEKLY BASE ABOUT
23 WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF MILESTONES AND KEEPING YOUR BOARD
24 APPRISED. SO, AS WE MARCH DOWN THIS ROAD, THERE WILL BE TWISTS
25 AND TURNS WE CAN'T EVEN SEE YET. WE'LL SOLVE THOSE WHEN WE



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1 COME TO THEM BUT WE'LL STICK WITH THIS TIME LINE. WE'RE GOING
2 TO KEEP C.M.S. UP TO SPEED AND, AS WE GET CLOSE TO THAT MARCH
3 31ST DATE, WE WILL TALK WITH THEM ABOUT WHAT THE NEXT STEPS
4 ARE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. JANSSEN?

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10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY BUT I'M LOOKING AT THE
11 HEADLINE FROM ONE OF THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, "COUNTY GETS A
12 BREAK ON KING/DREW." NOBODY SHOULD BE UNDER THE IMPRESSION
13 THAT SOMEHOW THE EXISTING FACILITY HAS SOMEHOW GOTTEN A BREAK
14 AND WILL CONTINUE. THE BREAK IS TO APPROVE A SIGNIFICANTLY
15 DIFFERENT OPERATION AT THE FACILITY AND IN THE COMMUNITY, AND,
16 SECONDLY, THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY STILL
17 NECESSARY NEXT WEEK TO IMPLEMENT OR FOR YOU TO CONSIDER THE
18 METROCARE PLAN. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS I WANT TO MAKE
19 SURE EVERYBODY THAT'S EITHER LISTENING OR PAYING ATTENTION
20 UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS THE NEW COURSE THAT THEY HAVE
21 APPROVED. THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT THAT I WOULD MAKE HAS TO DO
22 WITH BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN
23 HERE 10 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER WITNESSED ANYTHING AS SIGNIFICANT
24 AS WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE IN FOUR WEEKS AND FOUR DAYS. FOUR
25 WEEKS AND FOUR DAYS SINCE C.M.S. PULLED THE PLUG. THE



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1 DEPARTMENT PRODUCED AN INCREDIBLY SOPHISTICATED, COMPREHENSIVE
2 PLAN FOR HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY
3 GOT BEHIND IT. THOSE WERE THE TWO KEY THINGS THAT MADE THIS
4 POSSIBLE AND THIS BUREAUCRACY OF 90,000 PEOPLE WAS ABLE TO GET
5 TO WHERE WE ARE NOW AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE ENTIRE
6 BUREAUCRACY CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF
7 MARCH AS WELL AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO DO THAT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN ON MAKING SURE THAT
10 WE ALL UNDERSTAND, THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS EXACTLY WHAT'S
11 AT STAKE. THE BEILENSON HEARING WILL GO FORWARD ON MONDAY.
12 WHAT TIME?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 9:30.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 9:30 IN THIS ROOM, IN THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM AND THAT'S FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
18 THE PLAN WHICH IS A RADICAL REFORM OF THE WAY WE DELIVER
19 HEALTHCARE IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTY. IF WE HADN'T HAD THIS
20 KIND OF A RESPONSE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE NEXT
21 BEILENSON HEARING MIGHT HAVE BEEN FAR LESS APPEALING TO ALL
22 CONCERNED. THAT'S WHY THIS IS SO SIGNIFICANT. BUT THE STATUS
23 QUO IS HISTORY AND I THINK ALMOST ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS
24 APPRECIATE THAT AND-- ALL RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I SAID THE HARD
25 PART IS-- NOW THE HARD PART STARTS. WE GOT ADMITTED TO SCHOOL.



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1 NOW WE'VE GOT TO PASS THE EXAM. BUT I THINK YOU'RE ON THE
2 RIGHT TRACK AND YOU'LL HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT, CONTINUED
3 SUPPORT TOWARD THAT END. THANK YOU, BRUCE. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
4 IF NOT, THANK YOU.

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6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY ACTION REQUIRED ON THIS?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL...

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO WANTED TO BE
13 HEARD. ARNOLD SACHS. BY THE WAY, ALSO, I THINK A WORD OF
14 THANKS TO THE FOLKS AT HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE SPIRIT
15 AND THE ATTITUDE THAT THEY'RE TAKING TO WANT TO MAKE THIS
16 WORK. I THINK THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED
17 AND ALSO APPRECIATES THE COMMITMENT TO MAKING THIS WORK ON THE
18 PART OF THE STAFF DOWN THERE.

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I AM
21 SO PROUD OF MY DEPARTMENT AND I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE
22 LEADERSHIP AT HARBOR BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB. I'M
23 PROUD OF THE LEADERSHIP AT KING/DREW. THERE'S BEEN A GREAT JOB
24 KEEPING THE ORGANIZATION STABLE AND STILL PARTICIPATING IN ALL
25 THIS PLANNING WORK, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU BOARD FOR



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1 THE SUPPORT AND I ACTUALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE JUST SO THAT
2 YOU'VE ALL HEARD THIS, OUR COLLEAGUES IN 660 WHO'VE WORKED
3 VERY HARD KEEPING STAFF INFORMED, KEEPING OUR FACILITY STABLE.
4 WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS OVER THE PAST FOUR WEEKS AND FOUR
5 DAYS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
10 VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE DR. CHERNOF FOR THE
11 PLAN AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR BACKING IT BUT I ALSO HAVE
12 SOME DIRE WARNINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT. AS C.E.O. SAID,
13 THIS IS NOT A BREAK, IT'S ACTUALLY, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER LOCAL
14 NEWSPAPER, STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DUTIES DO ESTABLISH A
15 STRONG INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT HARMED
16 DURING THE PROCESS OF DOWNSIZING THE HOSPITAL TO A MORE
17 CAPABLE-- TO A SIZE MORE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING QUALITY CARE AND
18 EXTENDING THE SERVICES OF HARBOR-U.C.L.A. TO PROVIDE QUALITY
19 HEALTHCARE TO THE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE M.L.K.
20 DOWNSIZING. SO THAT'S FROM THE C.M.S. DIRECTOR THAT THEY
21 APPROVED WHATEVER PLAN IT WAS IN THE INTERIM THAT M.L.K. IS
22 BEING DOWNSIZED BUT I DO ALSO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I ALSO READ
23 FROM THE SAME ARTICLE AS C.M.O. JANSSEN READ THAT, AGAIN, YOU
24 KNOW THE PLAN WAS NEEDED, THERE'S DIFFERENT AGENDAS, IT SEEMS
25 LIKE. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE LAST WEEK, DR. CHERNOF SAID \$50



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1 MILLION WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE DREW-- THE DREW MEDICAL SCHOOL
2 TO HELP TRANSITION STUDENTS AROUND, YET THE PRESIDENT OF THE
3 SCHOOL WAS HERE TWICE IN THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS CLAIMING THAT
4 THE INTERIM PLAN THAT HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE SUPERVISORS, BY
5 THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER LEFT THE KING/DREW STUDENTS AS ROAD
6 KILL. GETTING CONFLICTING STATEMENTS COMING FROM PEOPLE THAT
7 ARE IN CHARGE AGAIN AND WHAT REALLY NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS YOU
8 NEED TO HAVE A-- STAND UP AND SAY THE BUCK STOPS HERE
9 ATTITUDE. AND IT WOULD REALLY BE APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC.
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER
13 ITEMS?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ITEM 64?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S TAKE THAT UP.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD
24 LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS
25 SOMEBODY FROM PUBLIC WORKS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** STAFF, PUBLIC WORKS, COME ON UP.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FOR THE RECORD, I WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE
5 IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
6 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FINAL REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF
7 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR
8 DRAINAGE FACILITIES TO BE PAID BY SUBDIVIDERS AND PROVIDE FOR
9 THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF SUCH FEES CORRESPONDING TO
10 FUTURE INCREASES IN THE CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX FOR THE LOS
11 ANGELES AREA.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **BRUCE HAMAMOTO:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS BRUCE
16 HAMAMOTO I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
17 WORKS. I'M HERE TO PRESENT ON THE PROPOSED ANTELOPE VALLEY FEE
18 INCREASE. IN RESPONSE TO WIDESPREAD FLOODING IN THE ANTELOPE
19 VALLEY DRAINAGE AREA, THE COUNTY ADOPTED THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
20 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION IN
21 1987. THE PLAN INCLUDES SEVERAL MILES OF OPEN CHANNEL AND
22 CLOSED CONDUIT PIPING AND EIGHT DETENTION/RETENTION BASINS. AS
23 STATED IN THE PLAN, DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
24 DRAINAGE AREA INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF STORM RUNOFF AS WELL AS
25 DECREASES THE AMOUNT OF GROUNDWATER RECHARGE. WHEN COMPLETED,



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1 THE IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN WILL BOTH DECREASE THE
2 RISK OF FLOODING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DRAINAGE AREA CAUSED
3 BY BOTH EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME THAT
4 THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED, THE COUNTY IMPOSED FEES ON ALL NEW LAND
5 DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISIONS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DRAINAGE AREA
6 TO HELP FINANCE THE COSTS TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE PLAN
7 IMPROVEMENTS. THE FEES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE
8 UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY WERE CALCULATED BY ESTIMATING THE
9 TOTAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE PLAN, SUBTRACTING
10 THE PORTION OF THESE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCORPORATED AREAS
11 AND EXISTING DEVELOPMENT AND APPORTIONING THE REMAINDER TO
12 EACH PARCEL IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY ON THE BASIS OF
13 THE PROPORTIONATE INCREASE IN STORM WATER RUNOFF EXPECTED TO
14 RESULT FROM EACH PARCEL'S PROPOSED LAND USE. SINCE THE FEES
15 WERE INITIALLY IMPOSED IN 1987, CONSTRUCTION AND LABOR COSTS
16 HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY AND THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF
17 DEVELOPMENT THAT EXISTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DRAINAGE AREA
18 HAVE ALSO CHANGED. THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASES WERE CALCULATED
19 USING THE SAME METHODOLOGY AS THE ORIGINAL FEES BUT UTILIZING
20 CURRENT CONSTRUCTION AND LABOR COSTS AND DEVELOPMENT DATA.
21 BASED ON THESE CALCULATIONS, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE ANTELOPE
22 VALLEY DRAINAGE FEES BE INCREASED TO \$5,500 PER SINGLE-FAMILY
23 RESIDENTIAL LOT, \$2,750 PER MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOT AND
24 27,500 PER COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ACRE. THE PROPOSED FEES
25 WILL BE APPLICABLE TO NEW, REVISED AND EXPIRED TENTATIVE MAPS.



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1 EXISTING TENTATIVE MAPS WITH CONDITIONS WILL BE GRANDFATHERED
2 IN UNDER THE OLD FEE SCHEDULE. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF
3 THE FEES CORRESPONDING TO THE LOS ANGELES AREA CONSTRUCTION
4 COST INDEX WILL BE PERFORMED BY PUBLIC WORKS. AS THE
5 DEPARTMENT ACCUMULATES FEES, IT WILL BE ABLE TO WORK ON PHASES
6 OF THE OVERALL DRAINAGE PLAN. FUTURE FUND EXPENDITURES MAY
7 INCLUDE UPDATING THE DRAINAGE PLAN IN COORDINATION WITH THE
8 CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER AND DEVELOPING PROJECTS SUCH
9 AS HUNT DETENTION BASIN AND QUARTZ HILL STORM DRAIN. TO DATE,
10 APPROXIMATELY \$6.3 MILLION HAS BEEN COLLECTED, OF WHICH \$5.5
11 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND
12 DEPARTMENT, LABOR AND PLANNING EFFORTS. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS
13 APPROXIMATELY \$800,000. THE CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER,
14 WHICH HAVE EXISTING DRAINAGE FEES OF 1,700 TO \$5,100 ARE ALSO
15 CURRENTLY UPDATING THEIR DRAINAGE FEES. IN RESPONSE TO
16 COMMENTS RAISED IN MEETINGS WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BUILDING INDUSTRY
18 ASSOCIATION AND CONSIDERING THE ANTICIPATED MINIMAL FISCAL
19 IMPACT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDS THAT THE
20 PROPOSED FEES BE PHASED IN OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AS
21 FOLLOWS, EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS AFTER ADOPTION, THE FEE WOULD BE
22 \$3,200 PER SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENT; EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2007,
23 THE FEE WOULD BE \$4,400 PER SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENT, EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 2008, THE FEE WOULD BE \$5,500; AND EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST,
25 2009 AND ON, THE FEE WOULD BE ADJUST PER THE CCI, THE



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1 CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX, AS PROVIDED IN THE AMENDMENT. MULTI-
2 FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISIONS WOULD ALSO BE PHASED IN
3 PROPORTIONATELY.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

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7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ANYBODY WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?
10 IF NOT, PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY BURKE.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. COULD WE GET
16 GLORIA TO COME IN?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS AS WELL.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE ADJOURNMENTS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. OKAY. I HAD ONE BUT MAYBE YOU'RE GOING
23 TO DO IT, KAREN BASS' DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW. MS. BURKE, GO
24 AHEAD.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE YOU GOING TO DO YOURS FIRST?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, YOU GO AHEAD. I ONLY HAD THAT ONE.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
6 OF CLARENCE LOGAN SHAW, RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY C.A.O DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
8 OCTOBER 15TH, 2006, AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS. HE SERVED OVER 25
9 YEARS AS CHIEF ANALYST AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY
10 AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. HE LEAVES TO
11 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, JOSEPHINE, AND FOUR CHILDREN. AND
12 FRANCES WILLIAMS, RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
13 HOSPITAL WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 20TH. SHE RETIRED FROM
14 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE LEAVES TO
15 CHERISH HER MEMORY THREE DAUGHTERS, SHARON, ALICE AND DARLENE,
16 AND FOUR SONS, ELLIS, JR., MICHAEL, SAM AND GARY. AND EMELIA
17 AND MICHAEL WRIGHT, AMELIA LETRUGA BASS WRIGHT, THE DAUGHTER
18 OF ASSEMBLYWOMAN KAREN BASS AND HER HUSBAND, MICHAEL, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 29TH IN A TRAGIC AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON
20 THE 405 FREEWAY. THEY WERE BOTH 23 YEARS OLD. SHE LEAVES TO
21 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER MOTHER, THE HONORABLE ASSEMBLYWOMAN
22 KAREN BASS OF THE 47TH STREET DISTRICT AND HE LEAVES HIS
23 PARENTS OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. I THINK THAT MANY OF US KNEW
24 HER.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING HER AND KNOWING HER
6 WHEN SHE CAME IN TO VISIT US HERE AND TO-- SHE HAD VARIOUS
7 REPORTS SHE WORKED ON DURING HER EDUCATION. SHE WAS CERTAINLY
8 A VERY OUTSTANDING GIRL. HER MOTHER WAS VERY, VERY PROUD AND
9 RIGHTLY PROUD OF HER AND I CAN ONLY SAY THAT OUR HEARTS, OUR
10 PRAYERS GO OUT TO ASSEMBLYWOMAN KAREN BASS ON HER LOSS. AND,
11 FINALLY, THOMAS HOUSTON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF
12 COMPTON WHO SERVED ON SEVERAL COMMISSIONS AND WAS ONE OF THE
13 ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE COMPTON CREEK TASK FORCE, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. UNANIMOUS VOTE. I DID HAVE TWO OTHERS.
17 ANGELA REYES, A STUDENT AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH, WHO DIED
18 TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 18 IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT OVER THE
19 WEEKEND. SHE HAD JUST GRADUATED FROM BISHOP ALEMANY HIGH
20 SCHOOL LAST YEAR WHERE SHE HAD EARNED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION
21 FOR HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER,
22 GARY, WHO IS A CAMERAMAN FOR K.T.L.A. CHANNEL 5 AND HER
23 MOTHER, ROSIE, TWO SISTERS, JESSICA AND AMBER, AND MANY
24 FRIENDS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALSO, TOMMY JOHNSON, WHO PLAYED THE TUBA ON
4 "THE GODFATHER," "INDIANA JONES," "STAR TREK," "TITANIC,"
5 "JAWS" AND MANY OTHER FILMS AND TELEVISION SHOWS, PERFORMED
6 WITH MANY LOCAL ENSEMBLES INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES
7 PHILHARMONIC, THE PASADENA SYMPHONY, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
8 ORCHESTRA AND THE ACADEMY AWARDS ORCHESTRA. HE TAUGHT ADVANCED
9 TUBA PLAYERS INDIVIDUALLY AT U.S.C. AND AT U.C.L.A. HE IS
10 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, KEITH, SUE, MICHAEL AND JENNIFER,
11 HIS WIFE, PATRICIA, AND THAT'S IT. MR. KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'D ASK THAT WE ADJOURN
14 IN MEMORY OF MR. DAVID MINARD, WHO DIED UNEXPECTEDLY ON
15 OCTOBER 26TH. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
16 FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, SOME GOOD FRIENDS OF
17 OURS, SELMA AND FRAN MINARD. THEY'RE LONG-TIME RESIDENTS OF
18 WHITTIER BUT THEY'RE HAVING A HARD TIME WITH THAT ONE, AS WE
19 ALL WOULD, AND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM. ALSO
20 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARLIN MCKEEVER, TWO-TIME ALL
21 AMERICAN AT U.S.C. WHO PLAYED 13 YEARS IN THE NFL. HE DIED
22 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. HE WAS-- HE PLAYED FOR U.S.C. IN '58,
23 '60 AND HE AND HIS BROTHER, MCKEEVER TWINS, WERE WELL KNOWN
24 FOR THEIR FOOTBALL ABILITIES. MARLIN WAS KNOWN FOR HIS WORK AS
25 LINEBACKER AND THAT'S WHERE HE PLAYED IN THE NFL. HE WAS A



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1 FIRST ROUND DRAFT CHOICE OF THE LOS ANGELES RAMS, HE PLAYED
2 WITH THE RAMS, VIKINGS, REDSKINS AND EAGLES. HE WAS LATER A
3 STOCKBROKER AND INSURANCE EXECUTIVE. MARLIN HEADED THE TROJAN
4 FOOTBALL ALUMNI CLUB AND WAS WELL-KNOWN AND LOVED AND WAS AN
5 INCREDIBLE SUPPORTER OF THE TROJAN FOOTBALL PROGRAM. HE IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JUDY, THEIR FOUR CHILDREN, MARLIN, JR.,
7 KELLEEE, DAVID, AND MICHELLE, AND A NIECE, TERI. ALSO THAT WE
8 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PHILIP SOUSA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER
9 24TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY, A FRIEND OF OUR
10 FAMILY'S. NANCY IS A MEMBER OF THE CERRITOS WOMEN'S CLUB AS
11 WELL AS THE REPUBLICAN CLUB. PHILIP WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY
12 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY DALE COVINGTON, WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 48. DALE WAS A 30-YEAR CITY EMPLOYEE
14 AND RECREATION SUPERVISOR FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS. HE
15 RECENTLY TRANSFORMED THE CITY'S ACTIVITY CENTER INTO A HAUNTED
16 HOUSE FOR HALLOWEEN. THIS WAS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE HOLIDAYS. HE
17 WAS KNOWN TO ACT LIKE A LITTLE KID IN A CANDY STORE AROUND
18 THIS TIME OF YEAR. HE GREW UP IN SANTA FE SPRINGS, HE
19 GRADUATED FROM SANTA FE SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE PLAYED
20 FOOTBALL AND WAS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT HIS SENIOR YEAR. HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RUTH AND DAUGHTER, KATHERINE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. I ALSO HAD SOME ADJOURNING
24 MOTIONS FOR MR. ANTONOVICH. I'LL JUST READ THE NAMES. ANTONIO
25 MADRIGAL MERCADO, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA



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1 VALLEY; REVEREND RAYMOND M. OLSON, SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
2 CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY IN THOUSAND OAKS FROM 1962 TO
3 '71. ROBLY EVANS SPILLERS OF GLENDALE. JOHANA "JENNY"
4 ALBRECHT, A RESIDENT OF LLANO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. DAVID
5 CONN, PROSECUTOR FOR 18 YEARS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. SUCCESSFULLY WON THE RETRIAL OF
7 THE MENENDEZ CASE. PASSED AWAY. MICHAEL DANSAND, RESIDENT OF
8 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AND VERNESE HALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
9 HER HOME IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THOSE ARE MR. ANTONOVICH'S.
10 ALL THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS WILL BE UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT.
11 WE HAVE THE ONE ITEM, THE FOUR-VOTE ITEM.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 27.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 27. WE HAVE PUBLIC
17 COMMENT. DONNA CULPEPPER.

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19 **DONNA CULPEPPER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE. MISS YVONNE BURKE IS
20 MY DISTRICT LEADER. MY NAME IS DONNA CULPEPPER. I'VE BEEN A
21 COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 18 PLUS YEARS, WHICH NINE OF THEM I'VE
22 SERVED AS A COUNTY POLICE OFFICER. I'VE SAVED THREE LIVES WITH
23 C.P.R. AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS. SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN TRANSFERRED
24 INTO A D.P.A. ASSIGNMENT, WHICH IS A HUMAN RESOURCES
25 ASSIGNMENT AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FUNCTION IN MY



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1 CLASSIFICATION OF WORK. AS SUCH, NOW I'M IN A STATE WHERE I
2 CAN BE SUBJECTED TO FURTHER DEMOTIONS AND, ON MY JOB, I SIT
3 AND I DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR A PAYCHECK AND I JUST DON'T
4 BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD WOULD ENTERTAIN SOMEBODY JUST SITTING
5 ON A JOB AND NOT REALLY BEING INVOLVED BUT REALLY JUST SITTING
6 THERE AND GETTING PAID. I'VE ASKED FOR WORK, I'VE BEEN SINGLED
7 OUT AND LABELED AS BLACK BALLED. I'VE BEEN VERY MUCH
8 EMBARRASSED, VERY DEPRESSED, VERY JUST-- ALL OF MY SELF ESTEEM
9 PRIDE HAS GONE AWAY. I'M A GOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I WORK THE
10 POLLS. I'M A COORDINATOR FOR THE VOTING POLLS. WHEN THEY HAVE
11 BLOOD DRIVES, I DONATE. I DO A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE COUNTY
12 THAT MOST EMPLOYEES WOULD NEVER DO, AND I'M JUST DONE WITH
13 BEING TREATED AND TORN DOWN AND MY SELF-ESTEEM AND MY PRIDE IS
14 JUST ALMOST JUST RIPPED AWAY AND TODAY I'M JUST HERE TO SPEAK
15 WITH MRS. YVONNE BURKE TO SEE IF SHE CAN ASSIST ME IN THESE
16 MATTERS OF BEING MADE WHOLE AND HAVING A JOB WHERE I FEEL
17 FULFILLED AND HELP PEOPLE BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I'M HERE TO DO,
18 IS SERVE THE PUBLIC AND HELP PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT MY HEART'S
19 DESIRE IS AND I'M NOT ABLE TO FUNCTION IN THAT CAPABILITY, AND
20 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BE MADE WHOLE AND GIVEN A JOB WHERE I CAN
21 FEEL SOME SELF-WORTH INSTEAD OF FEELING DEPRIVED, DEPRESSED,
22 AND TORN DOWN AND FEELING VERY SMALL, LIKE I DON'T EVEN EXIST
23 IN THE COUNTY. I JUST REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME
24 RESPONSIBILITY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I THINK THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE FROM
2 PROBATION HERE THAT WILL TALK TO YOU. I KNOW THAT, IN OUR
3 OFFICE, A COUPLE OF PEOPLE HAVE WORKED WITH YOU AND WE HAVE
4 NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE THINGS THAT YOU HAD
5 HOPED FOR, WHAT YOU WANT, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE FROM HUMAN
6 RESOURCES AND PEOPLE FROM PROBATION AND THEY CAN HAVE A CHANCE
7 TO TALK TO YOU.

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9 **DONNA CULPEPPER:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH THAT, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO-- THANK
12 YOU, MISS CULPEPPER. WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
17 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
18 LITIGATION, TWO CASES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO
20 CONDUCT A BEILENSEN HEARING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2006, AT
21 9:30 A.M. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2006, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 31, 2006**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7 Significant exposure to litigation (two cases).

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9 Continued to Monday, November 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

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